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Industrial Investment Corporation

* 59 *Q.*—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any loan either by the Government or by the Industrial Finance Corporation has been advanced to the Uma Printers and Uma Magazine, Madras;

(*b*) if so, the amount of loan so advanced and the reasons for such advance; and

(*c*) whether the loan has been recovered in part or in full?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A loan of Rs. 1 lakh has been advanced to the proprietor of Uma Printers by the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation to finance the cartoon making scheme of the firm.

(*c*) The loan has been recovered in part.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : What is the amount that has been recovered so far, Sir?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : A sum of Rs. 1 lakh was advanced. The balance outstanding is only Rs. 53,333. The loan is repayable in fifteen yearly instalments, and the instalments are being paid.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Are the Government aware that the proprietor of this printing factory has alienated his property in the name of his wife? Has this fact been brought to the notice of the Government? 3-10 p.m.

The Hon, Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : We have no information. Ordinarily as long as the instalments are regularly paid we do not pry into these things. But if there is any such alienation, I would be thankful if the hon. Member would write to the Government.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : What is the principle on which loans are given? Is it that loans are given only to manufacturers and not to processing firms?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Both. We give preference to manufacturers. But we also give loans to some of the industries which are ancillary to the manufacturing units.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Government extend such help to other firms which are only processing and not manufacturing?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : This is not being done by the Government. It is the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation which gives loans and certainly the Industrial Investment Corporation will consider all cases sympathetically.